



2010 - The Global Biodiversity Challenge
21 – 23 May 2003
London, United Kingdom

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The meeting on “2010 - The Global Biodiversity Challenge” will be held in London, UK, from Wednesday, 21 May to Friday, 23 May 2003 inclusive.

The official opening of the meeting will be on Wednesday, 21 May at 09:30 and registration will commence at 08:30 on the same day.

Participants are kindly requested to pre-register in order to facilitate the registration process, using the attached pre-registration form in Annex II.

Working Language

The meeting will be held in English only.

Venue

The meeting will be held at the Institute of Mechanical Engineers (IMECHE),
1 Birdcage Walk
London SW1H 9JJ
Tel.: +44 (0)207 304 6823
Website: <http://www.onebirdcagewalk.com>

The venue is located in Westminster, opposite St. James’s Park. The nearest underground (subway) stations are St. James’s Park and Westminster.

Access to London

London is serviced by four main international airports. Access to the city is provided by different modes of transport.

Heathrow Airport <> London

- **BY TRAIN.** The Heathrow Express train runs to Paddington station every 15 minutes from approximately 05:00 until 23:40. Journey times are 15 minutes from Heathrow Central (Terminals 1,2,3) and 23 minutes from Terminal 4. A one-way fare is £12.
- **BY TUBE.** The underground (subway) trains run to Central London stations every 5-9 minutes. The average journey time is 45-65 minutes depending on destination. A one-way fare to Zone 1 (the central zone) is £3.60. If you arrive after 09:30 a One Day Travelcard costs £5.00 and gives

unlimited travel on London Underground tubes and buses.

- BY TAXI. Each Heathrow terminal has clearly signposted taxi ranks. Fares to Central London cost around £40-55. Journey time 45-70 minutes.

Gatwick Airport <> London

- BY TRAIN. The Gatwick Express train travels direct to London Victoria station and operates seven days a week. Trains are non-stop and run every 15 minutes from 06:00 to 20:00 and every half hour between 04:30-06:00 and 20:00-00:30, with a journey time of 30 minutes. A one-way fare costs £11.00.
- BY TAXI. Journey time to Central London is 60-70 minutes, at a cost of approximately £50-£85.

Stansted Airport <> London

- BY TRAIN. The fastest and most frequent link from Stansted to Central London is the 'Skytrain' rail service to London Liverpool Street. There is a stop at Tottenham Hale, connecting with the Victoria line of the Underground. Trains run every 30 minutes from 06:00 to 08:00 and then every 15 minutes until 17:00 and then a half hourly service until midnight. Departures from London are on the hour and half hour, journey time approximately 45 minutes and a single fare costs £13.00.

London City Airport <> London

- BY TAXI. Taxi fares from London City airport are approximately £20.00 to the West End (around 30 minutes journey time), £7.00 to Canary Wharf and £15.00 to the City of London.
- BY TRAIN. Special airport shuttle buses from the front of the terminal connect the airport with the Underground, Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and Mainline train stations. Tickets for shuttle buses can be purchased from machines near the bus stop or from the driver.

London transport

Upon arrival at one of the city's mainline rail stations, such as Paddington or Victoria, participants can continue their journeys by underground (subway), bus or taxi. All mainline stations are either connected to or situated near an underground station.

Accommodation in London

Please find attached an indicative list of hotels (Annex I) located in the vicinity of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers (IMECHE) building or underground (subway) stations. Further information on hotels in London is available at the following website address: <http://www.londontouristboard.com>

Participants are kindly reminded that they have to make their own hotel reservations.

Weather

During May, maximum temperatures average 16°C, minimum temperatures average 9°C.

Voltage

240 Volts, 60 Hertz. Plug adapters can be purchased for around £20.

Pre-Registration

The pre-registration form for the meeting is attached (Annex II). Participants are kindly requested to return their pre-registration forms duly completed by **Saturday 10 May 2003**.

Visas / Customs

Please find attached (Annex III) a list of countries whose citizens require an entry visa to the UK. Participants are advised that they should secure an entry visa to the U.K. prior to departure. Participants residing in countries where there is no U.K. consulate or diplomatic mission should send their visa application form to the nearest country (please see attached list).

Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring any documents which are provided in advance (also available soon on the following website: <http://www.biodiv.org>), as they will only be available at the meeting facilities in limited quantities for reasons of economy.

Credit Cards

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in London.

Attached: Annex I: List of hotels
 Annex II: Pre-registration form
 Annex III: List of countries with visa requirements (in accordance with the list provided by the British Government on the Home Office website, <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk>)

For a list of Embassies of the United Kingdom abroad, please consult the following website: <http://www.fco.gov.uk> or
http://dir.yahoo.com/Regional/Countries/United_Kingdom/Government/Embassies_and_Consulates/

Annex I

HOTEL LIST

The list of hotels below can be booked at a substantially discounted rate through IMECHE. Please make your reservation using the following contact details:

Tel: + 44 (0) 207 340 1610

Fax: + 44 (0) 207 828 6439

Email: events@corporateteam.com

Online booking: <http://www.corporateteam.com/events/8848ME>

To receive the discount, please quote ID number **8848ME** when making the reservation.

You must make your own reservations through IMECHE

The Royal Horseguards Hotel *****

20 minute walk to

IMECHE

2 Whitehall Court

London

SW1A 2EJ

Tel: + 44 (0) 870 333 9122

Fax: + 44 (0) 870 333 9222

Email: RoyalHorseGuards@Thistle.co.uk

Web: www.thistlehotels.com/royalhorseguards

Single room rate £177.42 when booked through IMECHE

Thistle Westminster Hotel ****

25 minute walk to IMECHE

Buckingham Palace Road

London SW1W 0QT

Tel: + 44 (0) 870 333 9121

Fax: + 44 (0) 870 333 9221

Email: Westminster@Thistle.co.uk

Web: www.thistlehotels.com/westminster

Single room rate £120.00 when booked through IMECHE

Thistle Victoria Hotel *****

25 minute walk to IMECHE

Buckingham Palace Road

London SW1W 0SJ

Tel: + 44 (0) 870 333 9120

Fax: + 44 (0) 870 333 9220

Email: Victoria@Thistle.co.uk

Web: www.thistlehotels.com/victoria

Single room rate £109.00 when booked through IMECHE

Victoria Park Plaza ****

239 Vauxhall Bridge Road
London SW1V 1EQ
Tel: + 44 (0) 207 769 9999
Single room rate £129.25 when booked through IMECHE

25 minute walk to IMECHE

The Grange Rochester Hotel ****

69 Vincent Square
London SW1P 2PA
Tel: + 44 (0) 207 828 6611
Fax: +44 (0) 207 233 6724
Email: rochester@grangehotels.com
Single room rate £115.00 when booked through IMECHE

25 minute walk to IMECHE

Dolphin Square Hotel ****

station
Dolphin Square
Chichester Street,
London SW1V 3LX
Tel: + 44 (0) 207 834 3800
Fax: + 44 (0) 207 798 8735
Email: reservations@dolphinsquarehotel.co.uk
Web: www.dolphinsquarehotel.co.uk
Single room rate £115.00 when booked through IMECHE

Near Pimlico underground

Holiday Inn Victoria ****

station
106-110 Belgrave Road
London SW1V 1QA
Tel: + 44 (0) 207 630 8888
Fax: + 44 (0) 207 828 0441
Email: ligator@expressvictoria.co.uk
Single room rate £110.00 when booked through IMECHE

Near Victoria underground

Grange Langham Court Hotel ****

31-35 Langham Court Street
London W1W 6BU
Tel: +44 (0) 207 436 6622
Fax: +44 (0) 207 436 2303
Email: langhamcourt@grangehotels.com
Single room rate £103.00 when booked through IMECHE

Near Oxford Circus underground station

Strand Palace Hotel ***

Near Charing Cross underground station

372 Strand
London WC2R 0JJ
Tel: +44 (0) 207 836 8080
Fax: +44 (0) 207 836 2077
Email: Reservations@strandpalacehotel.co.uk
Single room rate £110.00 (£69 for Fri, Sat and Sun only) when booked through IMECHE

Holiday Inn Express *** Near Victoria underground station
106-110 Belgrave Road
London SW1V 1QA
Tel: + 44 (0) 207 630 8888
Fax: + 44 (0) 207 828 0441
Email: ligator@expressvictoria.co.uk
Single room rate £97.00/£105.00 when booked through IMECHE

Grange Adelphi Hotel *** Near Gloucester Road underground
station
127-129 Cromwell Road
London SW7 4DT
Tel: +44 (0) 207 373 7177
Fax: +44 (0) 207 373 7720
Email: adelphi@grangehotels.com
Single room rate £80.00 when booked through IMECHE

St Giles Hotel *** Near Tottenham Court Road underground station
Bedford Avenue
Bloomsbury
London WC1B 3AS
Tel: +44 (0) 207 300 3000
Fax: +44 (0) 207 300 3001
Single room rate £79.00 when booked through IMECHE

Comfort Inn Westminster ** Near Victoria underground station
80-86 Belgrave Road
Westminster
London SW1V 2BJ
Tel: +44 (0) 207 828 8661
Single room rate £75.00 when booked through IMECHE

Sidney Hotel (B&B) Near Victoria underground station
68-76 Belgrave Road
Westminster

London SW1V 2BP
Tel: +44 (0) 207 8342738
Fax: +44 (0) 207 630 0973
Email: reservations@sidneyhotel.com
Web: www.sidneyhotel.com
Single room rate £64.00 when booked through IMECHE

Dover Hotel (B&B)
44 Belgrave Rd
London SW1V 1RG
Tel: + 44 (0) 207 821 9085
Single room rate £50/55 when booked through IMECHE

Near Victoria underground station

Annex II

INTERNATIONAL MEETING - "2010 – THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY CHALLENGE"

LONDON – U.K. – 21 TO 23 MAY 2003

Pre-Registration Form (Please print)

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Amb. / Dr. / Prof. Female Male

FAMILY NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

FUNCTION/TITLE: : _____

Have you attended CBD meeting(s) before?: Yes No

Representing:

GOVERNMENT : _____

Ministry/department/agency : _____

OR

ORGANIZATION : _____

(SHORT NAME / ACRONYM): _____

(Check one) UN/ Specialized Agency Inter-governmental organization Non-governmental organization Indigenous community organization Media ? Industry Other

Official

Address : _____

Telephone : + (_____) _____

Fax : + (_____) _____

E-MAIL : _____

URL: _____

Signature : _____ Date: _____

Please return duly filled by 10 May 2003 to :
Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
World Trade Center
393 Saint-Jacques St., Suite 300
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
H2Y 1N9
Fax: + 1 (514) 288-6588
E-mail: secretariat@biodiv.org

	<p>The meeting will establish four breakout groups. In which group would you like to participate? <i>[please indicate by "1" your first choice, and "2" your second choice]:</i></p> <p>Item 1: Understanding and measuring biodiversity loss; status and trends, current and projected rates, causes, impacts, methods for measuring the rate of biodiversity loss:</p> <p>Breakout Group 1.1: At the national level ?</p> <p>Breakout Group 1.2: At the international level ?</p> <p>Item 2: How existing and proposed initiatives to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss can take account of the 2010 target:</p> <p>Breakout Group 2.1: At the national level ?</p> <p>Breakout Group 2.2: At the international level ?</p>
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ANNEX III

VISA REGULATIONS

Citizens of the following countries require a visa to **visit** or **transit** the UK
(in accordance with the list provided by the British government
<http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk> ; <http://www.fco.gov.uk>)

A Afghanistan Albania Algeria Angola Armenia Azerbaijan	D Djibouti Dominican Republic	J Jamaica Jordan	Peru Philippines	T Tajikistan Tanzania (United Rep. of)
B Bahrain Bangladesh Belarus Benin Bhutan Bolivia Bosnia- Herzegovina Bulgaria Burkina-Faso Burundi	E Ecuador Egypt Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Ethiopia	K Kazakhstan Kenya Korea (Dem. Rep. of) Kuwait Kyrgyzstan	Q Qatar	Thailand Togo Tunisia Turkey Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Turkmenistan
C Cambodia Cameroon Cape Verde Central African Republic Chad China (People's Republic) Colombia Comoros Congo, (The Democratic Rep. of) Congo, (The People's Rep. of) Croatia Cuba	F Fiji	L Laos Lebanon Liberia Libya	R Romania Russian Federation Rwanda	U Uganda Ukraine United Arab Emirates Uzbekistan
	G Gabon Gambia Georgia Ghana Guinea Guinea-Bissau Guyana	M Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic of) Madagascar Mali Mauritania Moldova Mongolia Morocco Myanmar (Burma)	S Sao Tome e Principe Saudi Arabia Senegal Serbia and Montenegro Sierra Leone Slovak Republic Somalia Sri Lanka Sudan Surinam Syrian Arab Republic	V Vietnam
	H Haiti	N Nepal Niger Nigeria		Y Yemen
	I India Indonesia Iran Iraq Ivory Coast	----		Z Zambia Zimbabwe
		O Oman		
		P Pakistan		

